

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are pending in the present application. In reviewing the application papers as filed, Applicants have noticed that the claim set as originally filed on March 29, 2004 includes two claims numbered '17'. Applicants have corrected the numbering and included the renumbered claim set above. Applicants have taken into account the renumbered claims in responding to the Restriction Requirement.

In the Office Action mailed December 9, 2005, the Examiner indicated that Claims 1-23 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement and that one of the following groups of claims have to be elected for examination:

- I. Claims 1-11 and 22-23, (class 73, subclass 1.82).
- II. Claims 12-21 (class 73, subclass 1.82).

In response to the Restriction Requirement to which a response is due January 9, 2006, Applicants elect Group I comprising renumbered Claims 1-11 and 22-23, and without traverse for continued prosecution and without prejudice to the non-elected Group II (renumbered Claims 12-21).

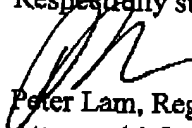
In the application papers as filed, paragraph [0003] on page 1 includes some handwritten amendments dated March 25, 2004. Applicants have also included a clean version of paragraph [0003] above with this Response.

Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance and seeks early allowance thereof. If for any reason, the Examiner is unable to allow the application but believes that an interview would be helpful to resolve any issues, he is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at (650) 943-7350.

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